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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

SN 09/748,451 entitled "DNA FRAGMENTATION FACTOR INVOLVED IN

APOPTOSIS" by Wang et al.

Our ref: UTSD:546USD1 Client Ref: UTSD:0546

Commissioner:

Enclosed please find the following for filing in the above-referenced patent application:

- (1) I. Amendment; and II. Response to Office Action Dated September 11, 2003; and
- (2) A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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In re Application of: Wang, et al.

Serial No.: 09/748,451

Filed: December 22, 2000

For: DNA FRAGMENTATION FACTOR INVOLVED IN APOPTOSIS

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Moore, William W.

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I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003 for which the three-month date for response is December 11, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSD:546USD1. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Response begins on page 3 of this paper.